

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A content transmitting apparatus which transmits content of a first recording medium that is digital copyrighted work including a plurality of content blocks, the apparatus comprising

a transmission unit configured to repeat transmitting, for each of the plurality of content blocks, in parallel with said each of the content blocks, copy control information indicating copy permission of the content that is digital copyrighted work, content identification information identifying the content that is digital copyrighted work, and content status information indicating to which part of overall content said each of the content block corresponds, the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information being stored in the first recording medium,

wherein the content status information indicates one of a head part, a central part and an end part of the content.

2. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising

a control unit configured to judge whether or not content to be transmitted is copy associated with copy permission number,

wherein in the case where the content to be transmitted is judged as the copy associated with the copy permission number by said control unit, said transmission unit transmits, for each of the plurality of content blocks, in parallel with said each of the content blocks, the copy

control information, the content identification information and the content status information, and in the case where the content to be transmitted is judged as not the copy associated with the copy permission number, said transmission unit transmits, for each of the plurality of content blocks, in parallel with said each of the plurality of content blocks, the copy control information and the content identification information.

3. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising

a content reproducing unit configured to repeatedly read out, from the first recording medium, for each of the plurality of content blocks, the corresponding content block, the corresponding copy control information, the corresponding content identification information and the corresponding content status information,

wherein said transmission unit transmits the content block, the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information that have been read out by said content reproducing unit.

4. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 3, further comprising

a control unit configured to generate a validity flag indicating whether or not the content identification information read out from the first recording medium is valid data,

wherein said transmission unit transmits the content identification information accompanied by the validity flag.

5. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said control unit judges whether or not read-out mode of the first recording medium used by said content reproducing unit is special reproduction, and in the case where the read-out mode is the special reproduction, said control unit generates a validity flag indicating that the content identification information is invalid.

6. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the content identification information includes a data sequence made of a plurality of data, and
said control unit judges whether or not the data sequence has been completely read out from the first recording medium by said content reproducing unit, and generates the validity flag based on the result.

7. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the plurality of data forming the content identification information include numbers indicating an order for each data, and
said control unit checks continuity of the numbers included in the plurality of data, and in the case where the continuity is confirmed, said control unit judges that the plurality of data have been completely read out, and generates a validity flag indicating that the content identification information is valid.

8. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 4,

wherein in the case where the validity flag indicating that the content identification information is invalid is generated, said control unit makes the content identification information null data.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The content transmitting apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information are transmitted as a packet, and

said transmission unit transmits, by including in the packet, a content identification information flag indicating whether the content identification information should be divided into two packets and transmitted or the content identification information should be compressed and transmitted as one packet.

11. (Currently Amended) A content transmitting method for transmitting content of a first recording medium which is digital copyrighted work including a plurality of content blocks, the method comprising:

repeating transmitting, for each of the content blocks, in parallel with said each of the content blocks, copy control information indicating copy permission of the content that is digital copyrighted work, content identification information identifying the content that is digital copyrighted work, and content status information indicating to which part of overall content said each of the content blocks corresponds, the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information being stored in the first recording medium,

wherein the content status information indicates one of a head part, a central part and an end part of the content.

12. (Previously presented) A recording medium containing a program for transmitting content of a first recording medium which is digital copyrighted work including a plurality of content blocks, the program, when executed by a computer, being configured to cause the computer to execute the repeating transmitting comprised in the content transmitting method according to Claim 11.

13. (Currently Amended) A content receiving apparatus which receives, from outside, content of a first recording medium that is digital copyrighted work including a plurality of content blocks, and records the content into a second recording medium,

wherein the plurality of content blocks are sequentially transmitted, each of said content blocks being accompanied by [[the]] copy control information indicating copy permission of the content that is digital copyrighted work, [[the]] content identification information identifying the content that is digital copyrighted work, and [[the]] content status information indicating to which part of overall content said each of the content block corresponds, the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information being stored in the first recording medium, and

the content receiving apparatus comprises:

a receiving unit configured to receive said each of the content blocks, the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information; and

a recording unit configured to record the content indicated by the content identification information into the second recording medium based on the content status information within a range that does not exceed the copy permission number, in the case where the copy control information indicates that the copy permission number is limited, and

wherein the content status information indicates one of a head part, a central part and an end part of the content.

14. (Previously presented) The content receiving apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising:

a memory unit configured to memorize copy number table that has recorded a cumulative number that has been acquired after the receiving unit received, for each of the content identification information, the content indicated by the content identification information, and recorded into the second recording medium by the recording unit, wherein:

said recording unit (i) refers to the copy number table memorized by said memory unit, (ii) reads out the cumulative number corresponding to the content identification information received by said receiving unit, and (iii) judges whether or not the read-out cumulative number does not exceed the copy permission number indicated by the copy control information received by said receiving unit, and

in the case where the read-out cumulative number does not exceed the copy permission number, said recording unit records the content into the second recording medium.

15. (Previously presented) The content receiving apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said recording unit updates the cumulative number to be incremented by one, said cumulative number corresponding to the content identification information memorized by said memory unit, when confirming that the overall content is received, and recorded into the second recording medium, based on the content status information.

16. (Currently Amended) The content receiving apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said recording unit updates the cumulative number to be incremented only by one in the case where said recording unit has been able to confirm the status has been transferred in the order of ~~“head part”, to “central part” and to “end part”~~, the head part, to the center part and to the end part, said status being in the overall content indicated by the content status information corresponding to said each of the plurality of content blocks.

17. (Original) The content receiving apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said recording unit updates the cumulative number to be incremented only by one, in addition to the confirmation by the content status information, in the case where all of the content identification information corresponding to said each of the plurality of content blocks is identical.

18. (Previously presented) The content receiving apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the content identification information is accompanied by a validity flag indicating whether or not the content identification information is valid data, and

the recording unit checks the validity flag, and in the case where the result indicates that the content identification information is invalid, the recording unit records the content into the second recording medium.

19. (Currently Amended) A content receiving method for receiving, from outside, content of a first recording medium that is digital copyrighted work including a plurality of content blocks, and recording the content into a second recording medium,

wherein the plurality of content blocks are sequentially transmitted, each of said content blocks being accompanied by [[the]] copy control information indicating copy permission of the content that is digital copyrighted work, [[the]] content identification information identifying the content that is digital copyrighted work, and [[the]] content status information indicating to which part of overall content said each of the content blocks corresponds, the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information being stored in the first recording medium, and

the content receiving method comprises:

receiving said each of the content blocks, the copy control information, the content identification information and the content status information; and

recording the content indicated by the content identification information into the second recording medium based on the content status information within the range that does not exceed the copy permission number, in the case where the copy control information indicates that the copy permission number is limited, and

wherein the content status information indicates one of a head part, a central part and an end part of the content.

20. (Previously presented) A recording medium containing a program for a content receiving apparatus which receives, from outside, content of a first recording medium that is digital copyrighted work including a plurality of content blocks, and records the content in a second recording medium, the program, when executed by a computer, being configured to cause the computer to execute the steps of receiving and recording comprised in the content receiving method according to Claim 19.